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January 20, 2006

Ms. Sue Veith Department of Planning and Zoning 23150 Leonard Hall Drive Leonardtown, Maryland 20650

RE:

Meinhardt's Choice Subdivision

#06-110-0004

Dear Ms. Veith: Suc!

I have reviewed the proposal to create Lot 1 from Parcel 180 and part of Parcel 44. The total site is 102.102 acres; total acreage in the Critical Area is not provided. Lot 1 will be 20 acres and entirely in the RCA. I have the following comments.

- 1. General Note #12 indicates this subdivision is proposed as an intrafamily transfer. It is not clear how many acres are in the Critical Area and whether this parcel qualifies under the intrafamily provisions. In addition, no information is provided as to whether there are any existing dwellings in the RCA. If this parcel qualifies, a note must be provided on the plat stating that it is an intrafamily transfer, providing the name of the recipient, and referencing the provisions in the Natural Resources Article, 8-1808.2.
- 2. The Buffer has not been properly expanded in the area of nontidal wetlands and steep slopes along the northern property boundaries.
- 3. A letter from the Department of Natural Resources Heritage Division must be obtained, verifying that there are no impacts to any rare, threatened, or endangered species, before final approvals are granted.
- 4. Although no development is proposed at this time, we recommend that when development occurs the applicant place all structures in the clearing adjacent to the gravel drive outside the Buffer to minimize tree clearing.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this subdivision. Please call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Regina A. Esslinger, Chief

Project Evaluation Division

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